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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

THE WAR FOR THE UNION.

Secretary Stanton's Official Bulletins.

ALL IS GOING ON WELL WITH GRANT.

Our Army South of the Pamunkey.

OUR NEW BASE OF SUPPLIES SECURED.

Indiana Troops in the Late Battles.

Latest from Sherman's Army.

HE OUTFLANKS AND OUTWITS JOHNSTON.

McPherson Routs a Rebel Force —Their Loss 2,500.

FROM CAIRO AND BELOW.

Paducah Threatened by a Rebel Force.

LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEWS.

The Cleveland Convention To-Day.

FORESHADOWINGS OF THE BODY AND ITS ACTION.

Congressional Matters Yesterday.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, May 30, 1864.

To Major General Dix:

A dispatch from Grant has just been received, dated yesterday, (Sunday) 12th, at Hanovertown, and that that army has ascended the river over the Pamunkey, and now occupies a line about three miles north of the river.

Yesterday two divisions of our cavalry had an engagement with the enemy south of Hawes's Store, driving him about a mile and a half, when night put an end to the fight. We will find out all about it to-day.

Our loss in the cavalry engagement was 350 killed and wounded, of whom but forty-four are ascertained to have been killed. We having driven the enemy, most of their killed and many of their wounded fell into our hands.

Another official dispatch, dated yesterday afternoon at two o'clock, details the movements of the several corps that is progress, but up to that time there was no engagement.

Earlier dispatches from headquarters had been sent but failed to reach Washington.

A telegram from General Sherman, dated near Dallas, May 28th, reports that on Saturday an engagement occurred between the enemy and Mc-Pherson's forces. The rebels were driven back with a loss of 2,500 killed and wounded left in our hands, and about 300 prisoners. Our loss is not over 500. (Signed,) E. M. STANTON,

War Department, Washington, May 29th, 1864.

To Major General Dix:

No intelligence later than has heretofore been transmitted to you has been received by this Department from Gen. Grant or Sherman.

A portion of Gen. Butler's force at Bermuda Hundred, not required for offensive operations there, has been transferred, under the command of Gen. Smith, to the Army of the Potomac, and is supposed by this time to have formed a junction.

No change in the Command of the Department of Virginia has been made. The reports in regard to the command of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina, and Southeast of the Ohio, are false in the field.

Dispatches from Gen. Canby have been received to-day. He is actively engaged in re-supplying the troops brought back by Gen. Steele and Gen. Banks, and organizing the forces of the Western Mississippi division, which now comprehends the departments of Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana. Gen. Steele and Banks remain in command of their respective departments, under the orders of Gen. Canby as division commander; the military relation being the same as that formerly exercised by Gen. Grant, and now exercised by Gen. Sherman over the departments of Ohio, the Cumberland, and Tennessee.

(Signed) E. M. STANTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, May 30, 1864.

It is officially denied, the rumor that Gen. Butler has been superseded and ordered to Fortress Monroe.

A letter from Fortress Monroe sums up the casualties in Butler's recent campaign, to the 27th inst., as follows: Killed, 950; wounded, 3300; missing, 2000.

NEW YORK, May 30.—The *Commercial's* letter from Butler's army, of the 26th, says, as regards the loss of some magnitude in yield, sickness, but its destruction remains secret. Two to three days will end it.

NEW YORK, May 30.—The New York *Times'* special says: Grant's reconnoissance on Wednesday was for the purpose of ascertaining Lee's position. He found the enemy in a strong position, with his right resting on Hanover Court House, and his left on the Pamunkey, in the vicinity of Hawes's Store. Grant's object was to get to the Pamunkey, and he succeeded. He then sent his cavalry to the Pamunkey, and they occupied the Tolopotomy and Hanover Court House roads. Lee's army is now between McPherson's and Richmond, in which the latter is reported to be a unanimous vote for Lincoln.

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The *Herald*

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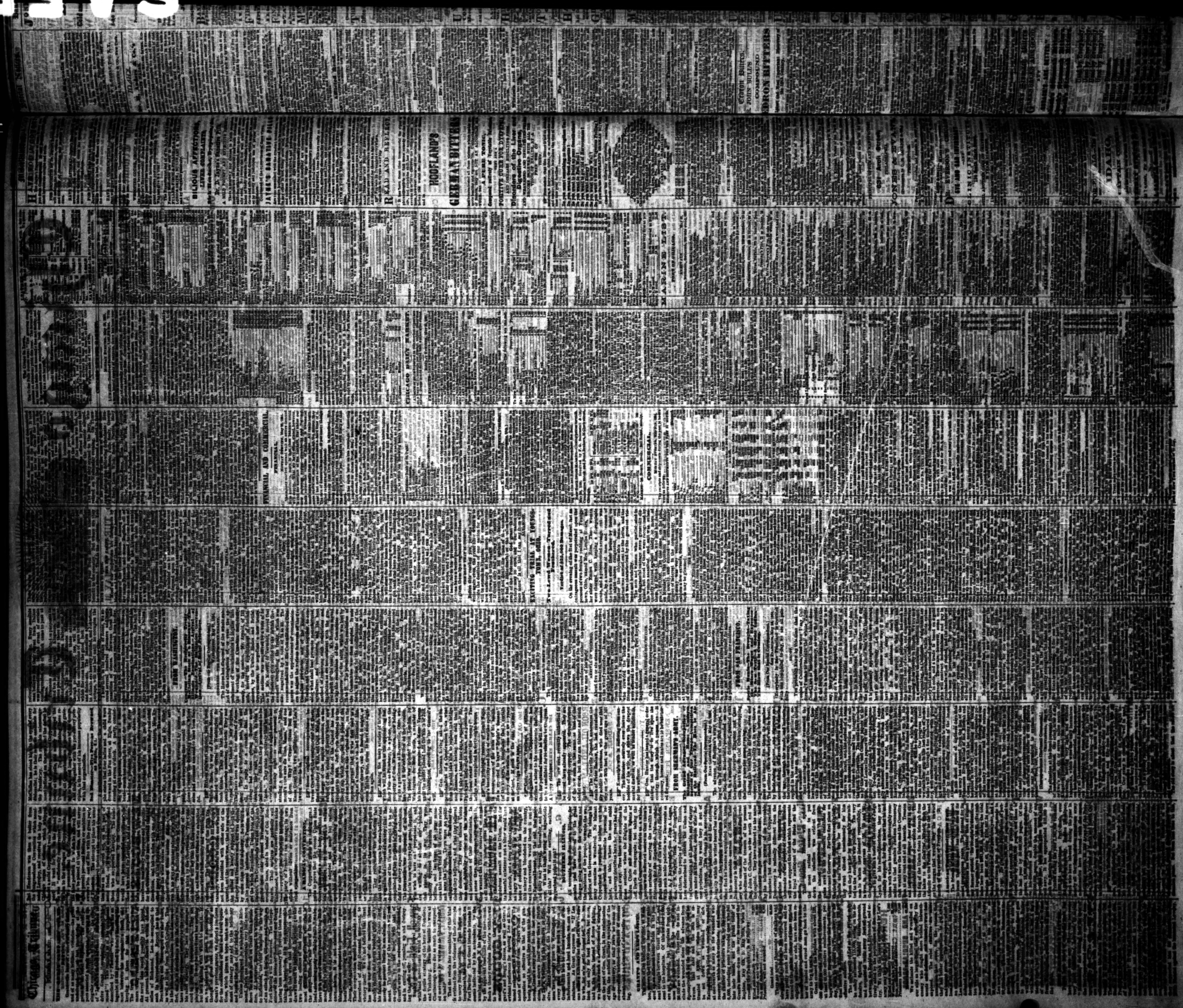

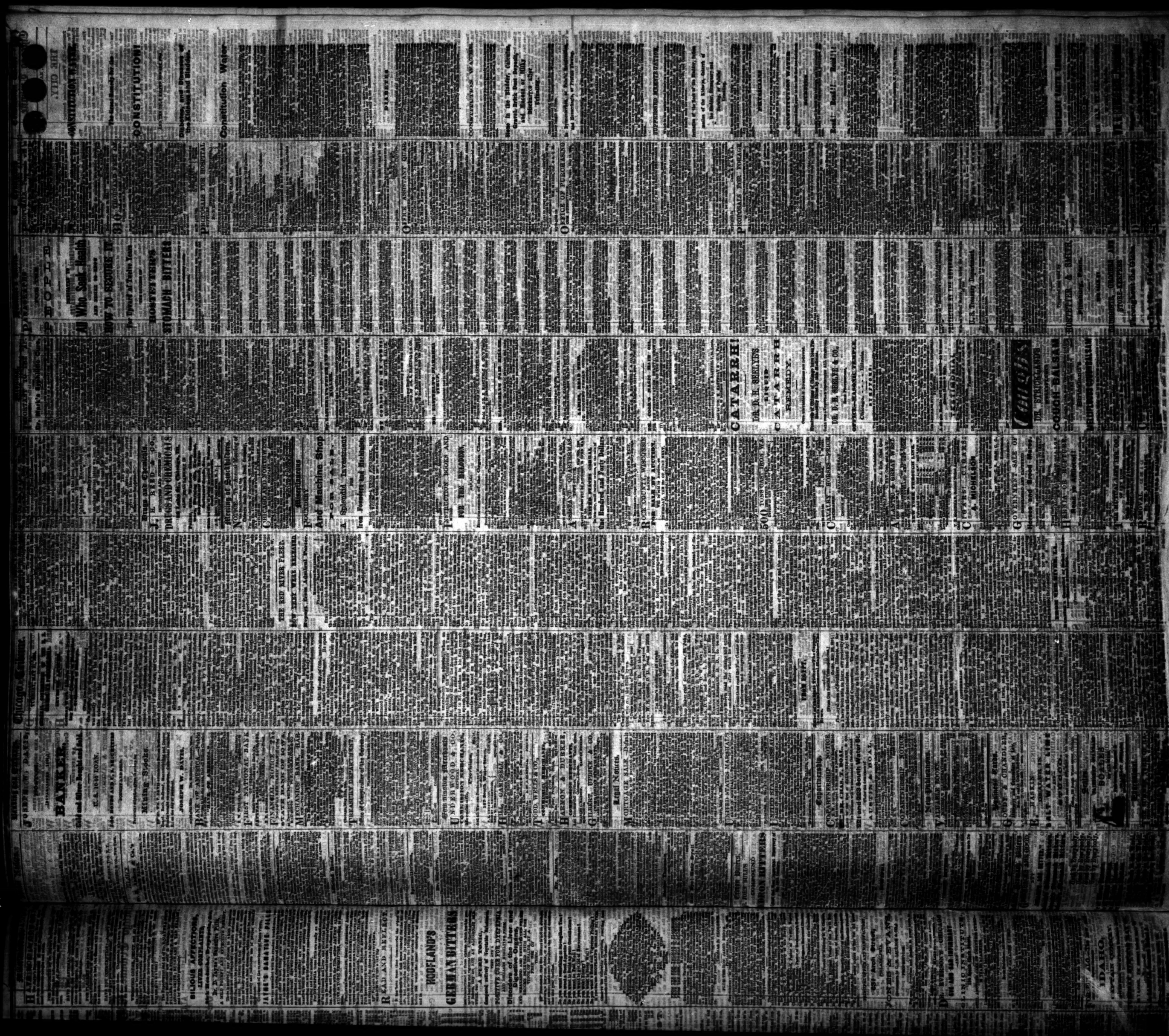

THE CITY.

Fire.—The alarm of fire was rung yesterday afternoon for the Fourth District, was caused by the combustion of a couple of cart loads of hay on the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad track. There was a good view of the fire and the fire was easily got under.

The Cold Weather.—Monday morning was the coldest of any such day this city yesterday for November, the mercury standing at 20 degrees above zero at sunrise. The ice was about one-eighth of an inch thick on the side of the pond, and the ground was frozen hard.

Recruiting.—Lieut. Robert Fisher, the adjutant-general of the War Commission and the Commissioner for organizing subscriptions to the Soldiers' Home fund for the one hundred days' service, is located at the Sherman House, and will remain there for a few days. He is organizing companies in this city and vicinity, and is about to depart. The boys must be paid off at once.

Annual Meeting of National Covenant.—The Association of Ladies and Gentlemen Without Country is to meet in this city, pursuant to a call issued by Hon. [illegible] on Thursday, the 26th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., at [illegible] Hall, and will not be at Liberty Hall as it has been heretofore. The meeting will be held on Friday next (June 26th), at the same hour, when it will be addressed by Mr. Conkling, on matters of interest and duty to the Association, and to every friend of our common country.

Interesting Service.—An interesting service was held last evening at the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church, on the occasion of the [illegible] Sunday-school. A very large audience was present, and the exercises were conducted in accordance with the custom of the Society. A concert was presented, the right hand of fellowship was given to the new members, and the occasion was a very pleasant one. Quite a number of persons were present and participated in the exercises.

Capture of Major Stringham.—We regret to hear of the capture of Major Stringham, of the 8th Illinois Cavalry, by the rebels, while on a scouting expedition in Mississippi. Major Stringham is a brave officer, and has done good service for the country. We hope he will soon be released.

Fire.—About half past four o'clock, yesterday morning, a fire broke out in the dryer, kept for that purpose by Mr. Cummings, on Fifth street, between Polk and Taylor streets, and before the flames could be extinguished the building was entirely consumed. The loss is estimated at $1,000, and is covered by insurance. The fire originated from a defective flue.

Runaway.—Yesterday afternoon, a horse attached to a light cart were round at Archer avenue and Halsted street, in a runaway condition. The horse was stopped before any damage was done, and returned to the establishment of Mr. Hall, on the corner of Halsted and Archer aven